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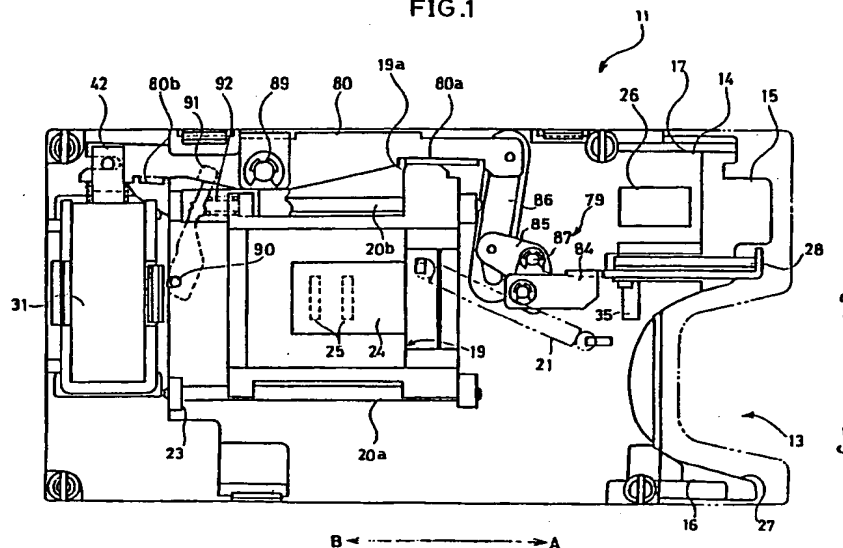
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(54) Card reader having locking mechanism

(57) In the present invention, a slider (19) moves forward in response to an insertion of a card (12) into an inlet (13), and a shutter lever (28) is closed by a position regulation releasing operation of a shutter linked lever (80) related to the forward movement. Thus, the inserted card (12) is locked. IC data processing, for example, is carried out in this locked state. After the IC data are proc-

essed, the shutter lever (28) is opened by the driving means (31) to permit extraction of the card (12), and by the related movement of an engaging member (91), the shutter linked lever (80) is operated to realize open lock. Consequently, the inlet (13) is kept at the open state, ensuring extraction of the card (12).

FIG. 1





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